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In the past few years I have begun to realize that most of the T.V. channels, newspapers and other sources of media are owned by very large corporations. Often times, even listening to the local news on commercial radio or television provides a very narrow view of what is going on in the world. Much emphasis on local news is devoted to crime, or entertainers and commercials seemed to have doubled since the 1960s or 1970s. Very little of what is being presented via commercial television or radio is appealing or worth my time. Most of what I listen to is either on National Public Radio (NPR) or Public Broadcasting Stations (PBS). I find that these sources of information provide the intelligent, curious individual a much more objective informed sense of what is going on in the world, and what American citizens should be curious about.

After listening to Bill Moyer's show I was glad to see that there was more concern on this issue than my own, and I feel that the FCC as an agency that is paid by the American taxpayer has an obligation to the citizens of the United States to provide a broader perspective to world events and to providing intelligent radio and t.v. content. Much of what I have seen on commercial T.V. concerning the possibility of war, and then the war in Iraq has not given equal emphasis to objectives that differ from that of the White House or large corporations. Ditto to the situation concerning the Presidential Election fiasco of 2000, and only token coverage has been given to the "fleecing of America" by large corporations such as Enron, WorldCom through corporate pre-meditated fraud.

I am sure that I could go on and on if I had the time, however, instead I will close with the comment that I hope that in the future regulations will be changed that allow for more competition in broadcasting to allow smaller, less wealthy radio and television entities to be part of the informing of the American public. That would definitely mean capping the amount of interests to be owned by any single corporation or individual.

If you need any additional comments or clarification, please contact me at the address above.

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